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Awkward and out of step, Company E recruits delve into military drill during the first phase of training. A final drill competition will culminate what the recruits learn here. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*

Recruiting offers 'hidden' benefits

SGT. JASON GALLENTINE
Recruiting Station Indianapolis

Many consider recruiting duty the most challenging assignment in the Marine Corps. However, with this difficult duty come many rewarding experiences and new skills that benefit Marines for the rest of their lives.

According to Gunnery Sgt. William Yables, military justice chief, Joint Legal Center, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., while serving as a recruiter at Recruiting Station Indianapolis, he improved his time management skills and selling skills. He also learned to be more outgoing and gained a better appreciation for the Marine Corps. During

his experiences, he also learned about himself.

He said his experiences during his career as a Marine helped him interact with civilians, but he now feels he can talk with anyone.

"I sold carpets and vacuum cleaners prior to joining the Marine Corps," Yables said. "But now that I have been a Marine recruiter and fully understand what it takes to sell something that you can not touch—being a Marine—I believe I can sell anything."

Overall, he said recruiting duty has helped him see the Marine Corps in a different way. Marines learn about the community and the importance of allowing civilians to see Marines and ask questions. He also said that serving as a

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Marines build maintenance bay for Iraqi mechanics

BY CPL. DANIEL J. REDDING
1st Marine Logistics Group

AL ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq (April 15, 2006) – Marine engineers are close to completing a gift for Iraqi soldiers here.

At 50 feet long, 60 feet wide and enough room to park three Humvees, the construction of a maintenance garage for the Iraqi Army's 8th Motor Transportation Regiment is another small step for the fledgling Iraqi army to operate independently, said Lance Cpl. Jonathan Kennedy.

With the summer months rapidly approaching, the thousands of U.S. and Iraqi troops based at this remote air station in Iraq's western Al Anbar Province will soon have another enemy besides terrorists to contend with.

Temperatures will rise to the 120-degree mark. Tack on protective equipment such as Kevlar helmets and body armor with heavy, bullet-proof ceramic plates and daily operations can be less than hospitable.

To help Iraqi mechanics beat the heat, Marine engineers are constructing this three-bay maintenance facility to keep the Iraqis out of the sun and harsh weather common to this region of Iraq.

The 8th MTR received two-dozen Humvees from the Iraqi Ministry of Defense last month after completing a month-long maintenance and driving course with U.S. Marines. Thanks to Marine engineers from Combat Logistics Battalion 7, they will now have a place to keep the Iraqi mechanics out of the brunt of the summer's harsh conditions.

The Marines' efforts haven't gone unnoticed by their Iraqi counterparts, said Ali Waheed, a warrant officer for the 8th MTR. The soldiers realize the improved facility is one more step toward their ability to conduct their own independent operations, he said.

Currently, the Iraqi soldiers repair their vehicles in either a one-truck tent, or more often, outside with no protection at all from the sun, sand and wind, which combine to create an uncomfortable and unforgiving work environment.

For Ali and the other Iraqi soldiers, the Marines have proven their sincerity through their hard work and kindness. To them, the Americans are the epitome of 'friend,' he said with gratitude evident in his voice.

The construction of the facility, expected to be complete in a few weeks, holds a unique importance for the combat engineers, according to several members of the team handling the project.

By constructing the facility, the Marines are directly assisting the overall mission of the multi-national forces in Iraq, said Kennedy, a 19-year-old native of Diabol, Texas.

There is a higher sense of accomplishment whenever a completed project helps the Iraqis operate independent of American support, Kennedy added.

With little more than plywood, nails and concrete the Marines are creating something tangible for the Iraqis – a fundamental structure for the mechanics to accomplish their mission.

"The big picture is helping (the Iraqi Security Forces) become stable.

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LOOKING GOOD, RECRUIT

Soon-to-be Marines spiff up for final inspection

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

Graduates of Company H stood on Shepherd Memorial Drill Field in their platoon formations Tuesday where they were inspected during their final formal inspection before becoming Marines today.

The battalion commander's inspection marked the fourth-to-last day before graduation and the end of boot camp. The inspection tested their understanding of common Marine Corps knowledge along with such things as bearing, discipline and tact.

"The inspection shows the transformation from when the recruits arrived to now," said Staff Sgt. Elisco Montejano, Platoon 2070, Co. H. "They need to be sharp and look like Marines."

Recruits waited for their turns to answer questions and to be inspected by the battalion commander and his staff. Each re-

cruit confidently greeted the Marine inspector when he stepped in front of him.

They were asked questions, one-on-one, pertaining to their training and about things they have learned throughout their three months of boot camp.

"It is basically the final seal of approval stamp on a recruit from the battalion commander," said Capt. Stuart W. Glenn, Co. H, company commander.

He said that the way recruits presented themselves and answered questions about the good and the difficult parts of training showed their knowledge and discipline, which also revealed the character of their drill instructors. It is an inspection not just on the recruits, but their drill instructors as well.

After the recruits have shined for their battalion commander, it's back to the barracks for some hydration, and then back out to Shepherd Field for graduation practice.

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recruiter will improve Marines.

"Marines learn a lot about themselves and what it takes to make it as a recruiter and in a future promotion," Yables said.

Staff Sgt. Shanese L. Lara, orders chief, Installation Personnel Administration Center, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif. echoed many of the comments Yables made about recruiting duty.

Lara said she now has better communication skills, which help her when working with and counseling her junior Marines. She also felt her time management and teamwork were skills that she honed while on recruiting duty at RS Indianapolis.

"I found out the importance of teamwork like never before," Lara said. "We could not accomplish our mission with

only one person on board."

She said these skills allow her to interact with people more effectively and accomplish any mission given to her.

"Having a mission letter every month kept me focused and always pushing myself to accomplish what I knew had to be done—more," Lara said of the drive that improved her skills.

Lara believes the most positive outcome of recruiting duty was gaining a larger family. She still keeps in contact with Marines she recruited and their families.

"It's awesome to see someone I recruited is now a sergeant, a green belt instructor, and a few credits shy of his bachelor's degree," she said. "It's a great feeling to see the people you enlisted have successful careers."

According to Gunnery Sgt. Paul E. Proctor, operations chief, RS Indianapolis, the



Gunnery Sgt. Paul E. Proctor, Recruiting Station Indianapolis operations chief, said all Marines can benefit from recruiting duty. Sgt. Jason Gallentine/ Recruiting Station Indianapolis

everyday challenge and pressure of recruiting duty can make Marines better. He said this is the only place where a sergeant has control of their day and how to execute their mission.

"In the fleet, there's a network of Marines on a fire team or squad that protect each other," Proctor said. "Here, your deficiencies and strengths are magnified."

Proctor said all Marines gain something on recruiting duty. While working as a recruiter, assistant recruiter instructor and operations chief at RS Indianapolis, he improved his listening skills, learned regulations in depth, and how to use all assets at his disposal. However, he felt that the communication skills he gained were the most significant.

"Communication skills are the most important because no matter where you work or how much education you have, if you can't effectively communicate, then it makes all of your knowledge wasted. It doesn't mean anything," Proctor said.

At the end of their tour, Marines return to the Fleet Marine Force with more tools and assets to help benefit the Marine Corps. Yables said he uses his professional selling skills to get work-related tasks done quickly from other commands. Marines also return with the knowledge that they have successfully completed a difficult duty.

These Marines said they feel the duty is a wonderful experience and everything gained was well worth the tour.

"Recruiting duty is the most rewarding duty I believe there is in the Marine Corps," Lara said.

BRIEFS

Car care class for military spouses

A car care class for military spouses is scheduled for tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the depot Auto Hobby Shop. Topics include battery care, tire care and more. A free lunch will be provided.

For more information or to register, call Natalie Francisco at (619) 524-0916.

2006 LINKS schedule

The remaining LINKS classes of the year are scheduled to take place April 29, July 29 and October 28. All classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

LINKS is a program designed to help spouses understand and adjust to a military lifestyle. For more information, call (619) 524-0916, or e-mail Angelia Gates at angelia0802@yahoo.com.

Brown Bag Lunch Series

The depot's financial advisor, Mike McIsaac, invites depot personnel to attend his Brown Bag Lunch Series of financial workshops.

Upcoming workshops include:

- Wed – What is a five-year master financial plan?
- May 24 – Your dream car: How to buy and finance.
- June 28 – How to get out of debt and build wealth.

Classes begin at 11:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m., and are open to active duty, retired, reserve and civilian employees. Lunch is provided, but classes are limited to 30 students each. For more information, or to register, call (619) 524-5728.

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Even a little project like this helps them out a lot," said Cpl. Scott Shoptaw, a 20-year-old native of Cabot, Ark.

Although the Iraqis have their own unique culture and their own way of doing things, in the end both units desire the same goal, said Kennedy.

"Once the sweat starts pouring, everybody starts to be one team," he said, speaking in reference to the joint efforts to create an independent Iraqi Security Force.

While they may not be hammering any nails or sawing any wood like the Marine engineers, the Iraqis continue to conduct daily operations as they await the facility, their appreciation evident. Often, in the midst of the Marines working, the Iraqis will offer the Marines chai tea, a sign of trust and friendship.

Other projects the Marine engineers have assisted the ISF with include building pull-up and dip bars to provide the soldiers with a basic means of staying in shape for battle, and rewiring the electricity in 8th MTR's headquarters building, said Sgt. Neil A. Wood, who is overseeing the current project.

Every project the CLB-7 engineers complete for the Iraqis, large or small, is a testament to the help given to a country struggling for independence from terror, according to Wood, a 30-year-old native of Dallas, Texas.

"We're proud to put our name on this," said Wood, looking out over his Marines as they continued working on the structure.

God fills empty parts of 'Oscar Company'

BY NAVY CMDR. J. L. PRECUP
Support Battalion chaplain

Almost every week at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, recruits who have successfully completed their training march off the parade deck as proud Marines. Parents and friends in attendance have their recruits' platoon number memorized as they search for a glimpse of their recruit who is becoming a United States Marine. Those new Marines come from proud training companies – Alpha through Mike, but have you ever heard of Oscar Company?

Of course there is no such thing, but a quick look at any recruit-training schedule does show an occasional "Oscar." It happens when no recruits arrive at the depot on a particular week, and so that week is "open"

in terms of training or graduation. In military speak, "O" is for Oscar, and it designates that nothing is happening – it's a big zero.

At sea, Oscar has a more frightening, negative definition. A ship flying the Oscar signal flag means "man overboard," and the ship is desperately trying to find the one who is missing. There are times when many recruits feel that they belong to Oscar. They are the ones who wonder if they will ever graduate. They might feel that their efforts are amounting to a big zero, and like a man overboard, there is panic and confusion in being lost.

Fortunately, through good training, those obstacles are usually overcome. For all of us who sometimes think we are falling into the zero category, adrift and alone in life, there is another sure rescue. Many recruits find out what a lot of Marines already know:

God will not abandon us, nor leave any of us behind.

The Psalmist affirmed this when he wrote: "Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar," Psalm 139:1. God not only knows us, but also, He is ever present with His help and aid. The Psalmist continues, "If I climb up to heaven, You are there ... if I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me and Your right hand hold me fast," Psalm 139:7-8.

There is no Oscar Company here at the depot. The better news is that there is no one outside of God's ability to help and aid at any time or in any place. So get out of the way Oscar Company! We have real recruits to honor as Marines, and we also honor the God who is a part of their lives and the lives of us all.

With the Old Breed

WWII novel shares heroic history, motivates Marines

BY CPL. PETER A. SWIGART
Weapons & Field Training Battalion

"With the Old Breed" by Eugene Sledge, is a startling account of World War II and was based on his personal experiences as he served as a mortar man with Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines on Peleliu and Okinawa. These battles were known for their bloody and savage fighting. Sledge gives a straightforward approach, illustrating the climate and conditions, and describes in detail the actions of the Marines as they fought the Japanese.

After enlisting in the Marine Corps, Sledge goes to boot camp in San Diego. Corporal Doherty, Sledge's drill instructor, amplified everything it meant to be a Marine and set a positive example for the recruits of his platoon. He demonstrated the attitude, character, strength, endurance, enthusiasm, experience and determination of a true professional. He taught his platoon the basics of being a Marine.

Weapons handling, shooting, marching and basic discipline were emphasized throughout the entirety of boot camp. Sledge would use this basic Marine Corps knowledge as he furthered his training and preparation for combat at Camp Elliott. Arriving at Camp Elliott, Sledge had to make a decision about which weaponry he wanted to be assigned and he chose 60 mm mortars. A

noncommissioned officer taught Sledge his entire knowledge of how to effectively operate his weapon, assemble and disassemble, and how to strike the enemy when the opportunity came. For Sledge, the opportunity to apply his training in combat came earlier than anticipated.

On September 15, 1944, the 1st Marine Division landed on Peleliu. Peleliu was a defensive stronghold for the Japanese, who were entrenched in caves and waiting for the attack. The 10,000 Japanese covered every square inch of Peleliu with interlocking fields of fire and fought using a new defensive style of fighting. The defense-in-depth tactic would be used to cover more areas and inflict many more casualties than previous strategies. In previous campaigns, a Marine landing would be met with the bonsai attack, in which the Japanese would charge in a costly frontal assault. The defense-in-depth tactic was now used with greater effect.

Sledge's accounts of the battle are a great illustration to the actual battlefield. With his description of the fight, the reader can imagine the nervousness, adrenaline, and fear of the men. His account details the sound of explosions, the whistling of rounds flying down range, and the cries of dying and injured Marines. From the beach assault to making landfall, Sledge carefully describes every footstep.

Sledge begins to learn that war changes a man forever. He witnesses a dead Japanese soldier, cut open like an animal carcass at slaughter and how a combat veteran comes upon the scene and without hesitation begins to pilfer the personal belongings of the dead man. Sledge is astonished at the indifference to a dead human being. He

would become hardened later on as the battles became bloodier and the loss of friends weigh deeper on his mind. The Marine Corps' basic disciplines helped Sledge overcome his mental and physical exhaustion and emotional pain to maintain his focus of fighting and survival. Sledge leaves Peleliu a very different man than when he arrived.

As the American forces drew closer to the Japanese home islands, the tougher the fighting was expected to be. The Japanese were expected to defend their homeland using every able Japanese soldier to prevent the United States from winning the war in the Pacific. The fighting became tougher as the strategy of the defense-in-depth with interlocking fields of fire was refined and the number of defenders increased.

After Peleliu, the men of Kilo Company, prepared for their next campaign on the Japanese island of Okinawa. As the day of the assault drew closer, fear and worry came over them as they contemplated the difficult fight ahead. Okinawa was to become an even more difficult fight for the Marines. It was even tougher than previous campaigns in that it lasted longer and involved larger numbers of men fighting, more ordnance expended, resulting in more death and destruction than any other battle of the Pacific.

The battle for Okinawa was the ultimate test of the fortitude of men in combat. Their resolve was tested daily as the fight consumed men and energy at a rate never experienced in fighting in the Pacific. For the infantry units, the losses were hard to comprehend when compared to what are considered heavy losses by today's standards. Sledge describes the challenges of cli-

mate as the Marines deal with cold, rain and heat, all the while engaging the enemy in fierce combat. The sustained exposure to the stresses of combat, push the men to their limits and beyond as they fight for control of the island.

This book reminds all Marines the importance of the basic fundamentals of being a United States Marine. Sledge constantly referred to the necessities of personal hygiene habits, rifle cleaning and safe weapons handling, and maintaining his uniform. To have an enlisted Marine private first class give his perspective of combat through his own eyes and how he endured such nightmarish conditions is something everyone should know about.

I feel every Marine should read "With the Old Breed." As a corporal of Marines, I found the book to be motivating because it reminded me of the sacrifices of my predecessors and the responsibility I have in maintaining that standard. Throughout all the turmoil that surrounded Sledge's life, he was able to keep his sanity along with a compassionate optimism for humanity. No one truly knows how he or she will handle combat until they actually experience it. Sledge's account gives an idea of the limits to which a man can go. I found the accounts of Sledge's experiences to be instrumental in my understanding of the battles of the Pacific and the Marine Corps' contribution to the defeat of the Japanese.

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A Company M recruit executes a horizontal smash with a rifle while Pvt. Robert Valadez, Platoon 3082, watches and follows.



Recruits line up and execute the bayonet slash during tan belt testing Tuesday. Armed stabs, slashes and parries were worked during testing. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron photos

Martial arts program shows Marines other side of combat

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron staff

Nearly all Marines can kill an enemy target at 500 meters through deadly accurate rifle fire, and with recently implemented training, they are also able to control an enemy within 500 centimeters.

Since the new millennium, the Marine Corps has been training recruits with a style of mixed martial arts, labeled as the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

The tan-belt training program, the first belt in a series of five, gives recruits the basic understanding of martial arts. It is the basis which everything is formed off of, according to Staff Sgt. Brent A. Smith, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the martial arts training facility.

During training, recruits spend 27 and a half hours receiving instruction and preparing for their tan belt test. From beginning to end, recruits will study upper body strikes, lower body strikes, arm manipulations, chokes, armed manipulations with simulated rifles, knife techniques and counters to holds and chokes.

"When you run out of ammunition in the field, basic moves can take down the enemy," said Pvt. Rickey Quevreaux, Mike Company. "Without ammo, all you have are your hands and feet."

Instructors conduct a series of warm-up drills and stretches with recruits prior to training. Two-minute drills became a routine in the MCMAP pit.

Quevreaux said two-minute drills were difficult, but conducting one move for two minutes helped him to retain the proper technique.

One of the drills often utilized before training is body hardening. Body hardening is a process where numerous strikes to the same body part numb the nerves. Body hardening builds endurance to blows to the extremities and trunk of the body.

Before the Marine Corps instituted MCMAP, hand-to-hand combat was taught through line training. Many line training maneuvers finished with a fatal blow, whether it was a strike or a boot stomp. It either completely took the enemy out of the fight or killed him, said Smith.

MCMAP maneuvers are designed to immobilize opponents. Since Marines perform peacekeeping missions and humanitarian missions, restraining moves may be more useful, said Smith. These restraints include maneuvers such as headlocks, arm

bar, chokes, takedowns and a variation of wristlocks.

Recruits are tested on everything they learn to ensure they can perform their moves aggressively while maintaining control.

Testing takes place in large, enclosed pits filled with wood shavings, which soften the recruits' falls. During body manipulations, recruits follow tap out procedures for safety. When a recruit has felt a painful pressure applied by his opponent, he taps on the opponent's body who then immediately releases his grip.

The tap out procedure allows recruits to effectively see the move work and discontinue it before any injury happens, Smith said.

With nearly 30 hours of intense training, recruits gain a basic knowledge of how to fight in close proximity to their enemies. If the enemy gets past one of these future Marines' deadly rifle fire, he won't get far after meeting him face-to-face.

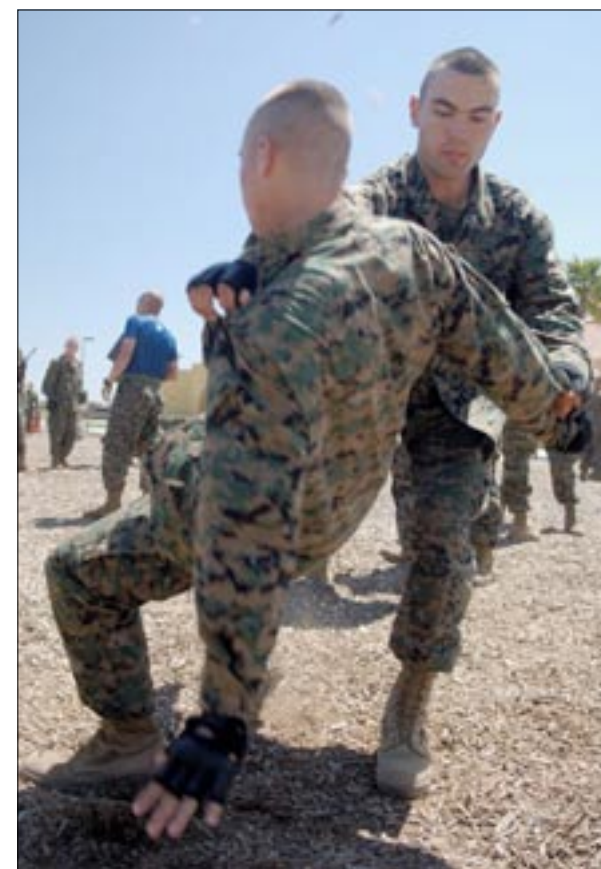
"The war doesn't end when a Marine runs out of ammo," said Smith. "It is a 500 meter to 500 centimeter spectrum. We take the fight to the enemy."



With a praying motion, one Company M recruit drops to his knees as another manipulates his wrist to subdue him. MCMAP teaches recruits how wrist manipulations are powerful moves.



Pvt. Samuel Linarel, Platoon 3081, braces while Pvt. Erik G. Dobberstein prepares to demonstrate the proper figure-four blood choke. Sgt. Brian S. Salazar, Company M drill instructor, tries to get Linarel fired up before he is choked.



Pfc. Gregory May, Platoon 3082, executes a leg sweep during recruit MCMAP testing Tuesday. Recruits demonstrated their understanding of chokes, holds, strikes, kicks and counter attacks.

Sgt. Michael Martin, Instructional Training Company drill instructor, briefs recruits on their next moves before they practice. Drill instructors worked with 10 recruits at a time during testing.



RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

MOTIVATIONAL MOURNING

Prepped for the Ivy League, Co. H Marine changes plans, enlists after passing of three friends serving in combat

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

With a somber face and a look of endearment, a Company H recruit told of three close Marine friends who gave their lives in the Operation Iraqi Freedom campaigns.

Private First Class Benton F. Brubaker, Platoon



Pfc. Benton F. Brubaker, Platoon 2073, Company H, joined the Corps after three Marine friends died. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

2073, grew up in an upper-middle class home in Hampton Falls, N.H. Brubaker attended a prestigious preparatory school, Phillips Exeter Academy, where he met three good friends—who he decided not to fully identify in this article.

“We were really rowdy in high school, and then they went to boot camp. When they came back and we saw each other, you could really see the difference,” said Brubaker. “I first got the idea of joining the Marine Corps when I was 11 or 12. I went to see the Silent Drill Team, and I was very impressed. I knew if I was going to join the military, it would be the Marine Corps.”

Brubaker’s character and kindness towards his friends and country stood out to his mentor and academy Russian teacher, Inna Sysevich.

His determination and schoolwork, along with the help of teachers at the academy, helped him to find possible homes in an array of Ivy League schools.

“Every school that (Brubaker) applied to he was accepted, which means that he had to be in the top ten percentile for all the applicants of the school,” said Sysevich.

Because he was vocal about joining the Marine Corps, he caught some flak from his academy teachers.

“With all the doubt and criticism he got from us on joining the Marine Corps, he was still kind to us, knowing that we cared, but he is too determined for us to insist,” said Sysevich.

In the beginning of summer 2003, Brubaker received the first part of a trilogy of bad news. Upon his return from school, Brubaker walked in the door of his home and found a message waiting for him.

“My friend called me and let me know that Juan had passed away,” said Brubaker. “I couldn’t believe it. I had just received a letter from him three days earlier, and it was like I had just talked to him. So I called his mom to see what happened, and when she started to cry, that’s when it set in.”

The death of Brubaker’s friend overwhelmed him, leaving him stressed and confused on what school to pursue.

Instead of enrolling in an Ivy League school im-

mediately, Brubaker’s parents sent him to attend a semester at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo.

At the end of 2003, Brubaker received another call from the same friend notifying him that a second in his close-knit group of friends had passed away.

“It was the same friend who told me when Juan was killed,” said Brubaker. “When he told me Pat died, it hit home right away and made me feel bad. I just kept thinking about what my friends were like before and after the Marine Corps. After they had joined they were different. They had their heads on straight and were more respectful.”

With his second friend’s passing, Brubaker was still intent on joining, but through an officer program. He spoke with his parents and Sgt. David T. Rosales, a recruiter in Colorado Springs, on the idea. He was told to contact the officer selection officer in Denver, who informed him about possible scenarios and paths to becoming an officer.

While entering a restaurant in downtown Colorado Springs, Brubaker received another call from the same friend on his cell phone who told him that his friend Derrick had also died.

“I still remember getting a feeling like, ‘Not again’,” said Brubaker. “I don’t know how serious I was about joining before then.”

The motivation behind Brubaker’s idea to join the Marine Corps comes from his friendships in high school and being drawn together by close political ideas and beliefs, said Chad Brubaker, brother.

Brubaker found himself thinking more and more on the mental changes of his friends after the Marine Corps. He knew that physically so he could complete boot camp, and that in doing so would honor his friends’ legacy. He finally decided to join the Marine Corps reserve and left early this year for boot camp.

“The mystique of the Marine Corps is the mental toughness, and that is what makes it unique,” said Brubaker.

The Marine Corps’ legacy holds many names, and today Brubaker’s name is added to its list, along with his friends who will always be remembered by him when the American flag flies.

Rear Adm. Louis V. Iasiello

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Rear Adm. Louis V. Iasiello is an alumnus of St. Bonaventure University. He has earned graduate degrees from Niagara University in education, the Washington Theological Union in divinity, Salve Regina College in international relations, the Naval War College in national security and strategic studies, and he is a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School of Government’s Senior Managers in Government Program, Harvard University. He has also earned a Ph.D. in humanities from Salve Regina College.

His dissertation is entitled: “Jus In Bello: Key Issues for a Contemporary Assessment of Just Behavior in War”. He has been published in numerous periodicals and books, most recently in the “Naval War College Review” (Summer/Fall 2004): “Jus Post Bellum: Moral Obligations of the Victors of War”.

Commissioned as a Navy chaplain lieutenant junior grade in the Naval Reserves in 1981, Iasiello was recalled to active duty

in July 1983. His active duty assignments include: Naval Air Station, Memphis from 1983 to 1985; U.S. Coast Guard, Kodiak, Alaska from 1985 to 1986; USS Ranger (CV-61) deployed in Operation Earnest Will, and in other deployments to Korea and the Persian Gulf from 1986 to 1987. He was attached to the 2nd Marine Division, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Regiment and Marine Forces Panama where he went on two deployments to Norway during Operation Just Cause, and to Panama with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Special Operations Capable from 1987 to 1990.

Other assignments include: Naval War College Command and Staff, distinguished military graduate from 1990 to 1991; United States Naval Academy, staff and faculty from 1991 to 1994; Joint Task Force 160 (Cuba and Haiti); Armed Forces Staff College in 1994; assistant fleet chaplain, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and deputy chaplain, U.S. Atlantic Command from 1994 to 1997; director for Operational Ministry, Atlantic Fleet from 1997 to 1998; and director, Naval Chaplains

School from 1998 to 2000.

After selection to flag rank, Iasiello became the first Chaplain Corps flag officer to be appointed as chaplain of the United States Marine Corps from 2000 to 2003. The U.S. Senate confirmed his appointment as the 23rd Chief of Navy Chaplains in July 2003. As the chief of chaplains he is the community leader for more than 2,400 active and reserve chaplains and religious program specialists serving the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Other duties include membership on the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese for the Military Services since 1994, the board of trustees of St. Bonaventure University since 2000, the board of directors of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and the board of advisors for the Institute on Religion and Public Policy in 2004. He delivered the annual Henry Hofheimer Lecture to the students, staff and faculty of the Joint Forces Staff College and was the keynote speaker at the 2005 Annual Ethics Conference at the Naval War College.

Personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (gold star in lieu of second



award), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards); Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards); Coast Guard Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; the Combat Action Ribbon and numerous other unit and service citations and awards.



HOTEL COMPANY



The men of Platoon 2071, Company H’s honor platoon, vigorously clean their rifles before turning them in to the armory for the last time during boot camp. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

COMPANY H <i>Commanding Officer</i> Capt. S. Glenn <i>Company First Sergeant</i> 1st Sgt. M. A. Arvizu <i>Company Corpsmen</i> Petty Officer 3rd Class J. M. Columa Seaman A. Smith	SERIES 2069 <i>Series Commander</i> Capt. B. D. Lynn <i>Series Gunnery Sergeant</i> Staff Sgt. R. L. Bell	SERIES 2073 <i>Series Commander</i> Capt. E. S. Bowmer <i>Series Gunnery Sergeant</i> Gunnery Sgt. D. McDuffie	Pvt. G. L. He *Pfc. B. W. Hermann Pvt. J. L. Hernandez Jr. Pvt. T. L. Higgins Pvt. B. A. Holder Pvt. J. C. Hollar Lance Cpl. R. D. Isse Pfc. I. V. Ivanov Pvt. B. Johnson Pvt. B. A. Johnson Pvt. W. D. Johnson Pvt. D. R. Jones Jr. Pvt. M. J. Jourdain Pvt. J. G. Kratky *Pfc. Z. J. Kurki Pvt. S. K. Lang Pvt. W. S. Lindsay Pvt. T. E. Lopez Pvt. M. T. Lynn Pvt. B. P. Marshall Pvt. L. A. Martinez Pfc. R. A. McGee Pvt. R. A. Mead Pvt. A. W. Miles Pvt. B. J. Murphree Pfc. L. Myers Pfc. V. H. Olvera Pvt. K. A. Osorio Pvt. D. J. Perez Pvt. R. J. Petre Pvt. J. T. Pham Pvt. J. L. Piol Pvt. A. Rocha *Pfc. S. 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Cpl. Fabiola Escobedo, 21, is the only depot representative at try-outs for the All-Navy Women's Soccer Team in Jacksonville, Fla. Lance Cpl. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron

Depot NCO gets kicks at All-Navy Soccer tryouts

'I don't just go and see if I get it. I fight for the ball.'

— Cpl. Fabiola Escobedo

All-Navy Soccer hopeful

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO
Chevron staff

Cpl. Fabiola Escobedo is scheduled as the only depot representative for the All-Navy Women's Soccer Team trial camp for sailors, Marines and coast guardsmen that began April 11.

After being selected to the All-Navy Women's Soccer Team, Escobedo is expected to compete in the weeklong Armed Forces Women's Soccer Championship May 2. If selected to the U.S. All-Armed Forces Team, Escobedo will attend the Conseil International du Sport Militaire Championship in the Netherlands at the end of the month.

"She competes with male Marines all the time, but she shouldn't have a problem," said Gunnery Sgt. Anthony Hernandez, depot varsity soccer coach. "Going up there and competing against females will just be second nature to her."

Escobedo is confident she will make the team, although she feels that she hasn't been training long enough.

"I am expecting a very intense workout," said Escobedo. "I know it's going to be hard. I'm ready to go on the team. I've been waiting for it since last year."

The 20-year-old Texan hopes to make the All-Navy team as a midfield defender, though she plays forward for the depot. At 110 pounds, her petite frame is no match for her larger male opponents, but she doesn't distinguish gender when it comes to the effort she puts into her game.

"I don't just go and see if I get it. I fight for the ball," said Escobedo.

Playing for the All-Navy team has been a long-time goal for Escobedo, as she continues to practice. Determined to make it to the Netherlands, she refuses to come back to the depot until she makes the U.S. Armed Forces Team.

Another '1' bites the dust

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron staff

The Commanding General's Cup basketball season started its third week with a 12th Marine District victory over 1st Recruit Training Battalion 55-29, Tuesday at Murphy Field House.

District opened up the score board with a break-away layup by Sgt. Robert E. Jones early in the first half. First Bn. kept the score close for a few minutes. However, the team couldn't stop Staff Sgt. Chad W. Patterson's fast breaks and Jones' inside baskets.

"We don't have height, but we run," said Sgt. Andrew Stewart, District point guard, when remembering Patterson's wide open layups throughout the game. Patterson put nearly 20 points on the score board for District.

The first half started off slow, but Stewart said team cohesion helped District along.

"We saw them play last week and it worried us a little, but we didn't see that same team this time," said Stewart.

Team play and their individual skills and strengths helped their progress throughout the game, according to Stewart.

"Once we slowed the game down and looked for good options, baskets came easy," he said.

Foul trouble for 1st Bn. sent Jones to the line four times with five free-throws. Jones' strong drives on the basket kept 1st Bn. defender Cpl. Jesse Leon in foul trouble.

With no worries about games yet to come in the regular season, District is looking forward to facing tougher competition in the CG's Cup single-elimination playoffs, scheduled to start May 9.



Cpl. Jesse Leon, 1st Bn., had trouble with District's Sgt. Robert Jones' drives to the hoop. Leon sent Jones to the foul line four times throughout the game. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron